

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A process for the preparation of an enzyme-containing granulate suitable for use in an animal feed, the process comprising obtaining a dry enzyme containing granulate and coating the granulate with a dispersion comprising particles of a hydrophobic substance dispersed in a suitable solvent.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, wherein the particles have a size have a size ranging from 10 to 1000 nm (border values included), ~~preferably from 10 to 500 nm, more preferably from 10 to 200 nm.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, ~~or 2,~~ wherein the hydrophobic substance has a melting point between 40 and 200°C, ~~preferably between 50 and 180°C.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1-3,~~ wherein the hydrophobic substance is applied at 0.1 - 20% (weight hydrophobic substance per weight of the granules), ~~preferably at 0.2-10%, more preferably at 0.4-5%.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1-4,~~ wherein the solvent is water.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1-5,~~ wherein the hydrophobic substance dispersion contains 10 to 60 % (w/w) hydrophobic substance, ~~preferably 20 to 40 % hydrophobic substance.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1-6,~~ wherein the hydrophobic substance is a hydrophobic fat- or wax-like substance and/or a hydrophobic polymer.

Claim 8 (Original): A process according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic polymer is a polyolefin.

Claim 9 (Original): A process according to claim 8, wherein the polyolefin is polyethylene and/or polypropylene.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 8, ~~or 9,~~ wherein the polyolefin dispersion is a dispersion of polyolefins containing acidic groups which are stabilized by an amine.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 10, wherein the acidic groups are carboxylic groups.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 10, ~~or 11~~, wherein the amine is ammonia.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, wherein the enzyme is a phytase, xylanase, β -glucanase, protease, phospholipase, amylase and/or glucose oxidase.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An enzyme-containing granulate coated with a dispersion of particles consisting essentially of a hydrophobic substance ~~obtainable~~ obtained by a process according to claim 1. ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of an animal feed, or a premix or precursor to an animal feed, said process comprising mixing a the granulate according to claim 14 with one or more animal feed substances or ingredients.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 15, wherein the mixture of feed substance(s) and the granulate is treated with steam, pelletised and cooled.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A feed composition comprising a the granulate according to claim 14.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A process for promoting the growth of an animal, the process comprising feeding an animal a diet that comprises either a the granulate ~~according to claim 14~~ or a the composition according to claim 17.

Claims 19-20 (Cancelled).